GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Prohibition & Excise Department – Detention under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) against Cannabis trafficker - Police Commissionerate, Visakhapatnam City – Detention of Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh U/Sec 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act,1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) - Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (EXCISE.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 423 **Dated: 12-05-2025**
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms. No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated:08.10.2018.
2. From the Commissioner of Police & Additional District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam, Lr.No. C.No.2487/MC-III/ PIT-NDPS Act/ 2025, dt.25.04.2025.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City has reported that adverting to the above subject, the Inspector of Police, Gopalapatnam Police Station, Visakhapatnam City has placed before the Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City and same forwarded to Government about the information regarding a spate of Illegal possession and sale of Ganja by Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City (herein after referred as detenue) for issuing of detention orders u/s 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988). The residence of the detenue falls within the limits of Gopalapatnam Police Station, Visakhapatnam City and the following are the details in the report.

2. The individual is an active ganja transporter and he is involved in the 02 NDPS Act cases in II Town Police Station of Visakhapatnam City. He has no respect towards law and he has been engaging in Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances. He has all the attributes as envisaged under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT-NDPS Act). Out of the Two (02) cases in which Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao was involved, One (01) case of Gopalapatnam PS, Visakhapatnam District is under investigation for apprehension of accused and One (01) case of Butchiyyapeta Police Station, Anakapalli is in Pending Trail vide NSC No.310/2022.

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3. The details of the NDPS Act cases registered against Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City since the year 2021 till date are as follows:-

Sl NO	Cr. No. & Sec. of Law	Date of registration	Seizure details	Date of arrest	Case Status
1.	Cr.No.258/2022 U/s 21 (a) r/w 8 (c) of NDPS Act, 1985 of Gopalapatnam Police Station,Visakhapatnam City.	12.10.2022 at 10.00 hrs	Seized 3½ LSD Blots	12.10.2022	Case is UI for apprehension of remaining accused A-4: Uamng Patel in absconding
2.	Cr.No.265/2021 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(c) of Butchiyyapeta PS,Visakhapatnam City	21.11.2021 at 18.30 hrs	Seized Motor Cycle bearing No. AP 35 AC 9089 containing 3 kgs of Ganja	21.11.2021	Case is in PT vide NSC No.310/2022,

4. **GROUNDS FOR DETENTION:**

Case No: 01

1. Crime No & Section of Crime: Cr.No.258/2022 u/s 21 (a) r/w 8(c) of NDPS Act of Gopalapatnam PS, Visakhapatnam City.
2. Date of reporting: 12.10.2022 at 10.00 hrs.
3. Seizure details 3½ LSD Blots.

Brief facts: This is a case of illegal possession, transportation of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs (LSD Blots) that occurred on 12.10.2022 at 06.00 hrs at Chandra Nagar Ground, Gopalapatnam and reported on 12.10.2022 at 10.00 hrs wherein the complainant Sri K. Satish Kumar, Inspector of Police, Gopalapatnam PS along with staff PCs 3121, 4018 and CTF SI Sri K. Sankara Rao, and PC 3121 received credible information about illegal possession, sale, Purchase and transportation of LSD Blots (Lysergic Acide Diethylamide), rushed to the spot and appherended the accused A-1: Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 25 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Cell: 9063559989, A-2. Vegesa Ujwal Sai Kumar Raju, S/o Rama Raju, Age 21 Years, Kshatriya by Caste, R/o D.No:18-1, Bapuji Nagar, Rythu Bazar down, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Cell 7989401329 and seized 3½ LSD Blots

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from the possession of A-1 and one Redmi cell phone from the possession of A-2 On enquiry, the accused A-1 revealed that, he got the above LSD Blots from Umang Patel (A-4) of Gujarat. He used to send money to his UPI ID and collected LSD Blots through courier. A-1 sold 05 Blots to A-3 through A-2, A-1 and A-2 used 1½ Blots and the remaining 3½ Blots were seized from him. The seized LSD Blots were sent to FSL vide File No. SFSL(AP)/2000/NAR/91/2022, Dated:31.10.2022 and the report was received as Positive. The Case is UI for apprehension of Umang Patel (A-4) of Gujarat.

4. Level of involvement: A-1
5. Present status of case: Under Investigation for apprehension of A-4

Case No: 02

1. Crime No & Section of Crime Cr. No:265/2021 u/s 20(b)(ii)(B) r/w 8(c) of Butchiyyapeta PS, Visakhapatnam City.
2. Date of reporting 21.11.2021.
3. Seizure details: Motor Cycle bearing Regd. No.AP 35 AC 9089 containing 3 kgs of ganja.

Brief facts: This is a case of illegal possession, transportation of Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs (Ganja) that occurred on 21.11.2021 at 16.00 hrs at Vaddadi Four Road Junction and reported on 21.11.2021 at 18.30 hours, on receipt of credible information Sri V.CH. Naidu, Addl. SI of Police, Butchiyyapeta PS along with staff and mediators rushed to Vaddadi Four Roads Junction, conducted vehicle checking and noticed that two persons were coming on motor cycle, on seeing the police two persons did not stop the vehicle. In the mean time SI caught hold of above 2 persons A-1: Goddi Uday Kiran and A-2: Sarakam Mahesh recorded their confessional statements seized 03 Kgs of Ganja, one Motor Cycle AP 35 AC 9089 and 02 Cell phones from their possession in presence of mediators under the cover of mediators report. The accused A-1 and A-2 were arrested and sent them for remand. After completion of investigation, filed the charge sheet in the Hon'ble Metropolitan Sessions Judge Court, Visakhapatnam. Case is pending Trial vide NSC No.310/2022.

4. Level of involvement: A-2

5. Present status of case: PT vide NSC No.310/2022,

5. Thus, Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City has ample criminal history and was involved in two NDPS cases as stated above and he is a habitual offender in transportation, possession and trading of ganja. To control the illegal activities of accused Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of

Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City and to prevent him from further committing such offences in future, there is no other go than to invoke the provisions of law to detain him under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT-NDPS Act).

6. In order to effectively control the illegal activities of Ganja trading of the detenue Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh and to prevent him from committing such offenses in the future, there is no other option but to invoke the provisions of law and detain him under Section 3(1) of The Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

7. The prosecution process takes a long time to have an impact on the illicit drug Traffic activities of the detenue under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Act, 1985. His activities could lead to cannabis tragedies costing many lives of poor people in the Visakhapatnam and its surrounding vicinities, affecting public health, financial and social status, and ultimately public order.

8. The offenders repeatedly resort to illicit drug Traffic offenses for easy and quick money with small investments, disregarding the penalties under the NDPS Act. Catching the offenders is a difficult and laborious process requiring meticulous planning and many man-hours, making it impossible to prevent the immediate recurrence of similar activities. These activities adversely affect the community, creating insecurity and danger to the public's life and health, causing a disturbance in the locality and impacting public health.

9. In view of the above facts enumerated supra, Government after careful examination and in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Principal Secretary to Government under section 3(1) of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) vide G.O.Ms.No.131, General Administration (SC-1) Department, Dated: 08.10.2018 do hereby direct under Sub-Section (1) of Section 3 of the said Act that Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh shall be detained in Central Prison, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh State until further orders to be received from the Government in order to prevent the detenue from indulging in such dangerous, clandestine and illegal activities prejudicial to the maintenance of public health and as per the provisions laid down under the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988).

10. The grounds of detention in English and Telugu languages and the material in support thereof are being sent herewith to Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple,

Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh. The individual has a right to make are presentation before the Detaining Authority as per article 22 (5) of the Constitution of India, to the Advisory Board against his detention U/Sec 9 of the Prevention of Illicit Traffic In Narcotic Drugs And Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988 (PIT NDPS Act, 1988) and he has also a right to be heard personally by the Advisory Board, if he so desires.

11. The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam is directed to take over the detenue into his custody and lodge him in the Central Prison, Visakhapatnam until further orders from the Government.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHARA PRADESH)

MUKESH KUMAR MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Superintendent of Jails, Central Prison, Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
Sri Sarakam Mahesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao, Age 27 Years, Gavara by Caste, R/o D.No:10-58/2, back side of Saibaba Temple, Chandra Nagar, Gopalapatnam, Visakhapatnam City, Andhra Pradesh (**Through** the Inspector of Police, Gopalapatnam P.S., Visakhapatnam City.)
The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, Lok Nayak Bhavan,Khan Market, New Delhi-110003.
The Commissioner of Police, Visakhapatnam City.
The OSD to the Chief Secretary, A.P. Secretariat, for favour of kind information.
The Inspector of Police, Gopalapatnam P.S., Visakhapatnam City.(To serve the orders on and send the served copy to this office).
The PS to Prl. Secretary, GA (Political) Dept., A.P. Secretariat for favour of information.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Govt., Revenue (Excise) Dept., AP. Secretariat.
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